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UPCOMING EYENTS

HOME Women's Basketball vs Laval, Jan. 14 (1:00) Men's Hockey vs McGill, Jan. 16 (7:30) Women's Hockey vs Providence, Jan. 18 (6:00) Men's Hockey @ Queen's, Jan. 12 Women's Hockey vs Providence, Jan. 19 (1:15) Men's Basketball @ Queen's, Jan. 12 Men's Hockey vs Laurier, Jan. 19 (7:30) Women's Hockey vs St. Lawrence, Jan. 20 (12) Men's Hockey @ York, Jan. 13 Men's Hockey vs Waterloo, Jan. 20 (2:00)

AWAY Men's Hockey vs McGill @ JAC, Jan. 9 Men's Basketball @ Carleton, Jan. 9 Women's Volleyball @ Laval, Jan. 12-13 Women's Hockey @ Hockey East, Jan. 12-14

UNBEATEN STINGERS TO PLAY FOUR ROAD GAMES IN ONE WEEK

Men's Basketball Update: The sixth-ranked Stingers improved their record to 7-0 in the O.U.A.A. with consecutive victories over the University of Toronto Blues 96-85 and the Ryerson Rams 111-91. Senior captain Nick Arvanitis (Montreal, Que.) tied his career best with 27 points against Ryerson while third year guard Michael Cohee (Montreal, Que.) recorded a season high of 27 versus Toronto. The Stingers will now embark on a four game road trip.

This Week: John Dore's Concordia basketball team, 11-3 overall and ranked no. 6 but he C.I.A.U., travels to Carleton on January 9, Queen's on January 12, York on January 13 and Bishop's on January 16.

A Quick Look at Carleton: The Ravens are currently 0-4 in 0.U.A.A. play after a 66-53 loss to Laurentian January 5. The Stingers defeated Carleton 92-74 November 25 in their last encounter.

Last year, the Ravens finished with an overall record of 18-15 and were 11-7 in the O.U.A.A. From that team, guard **Michael Trought** (11.1 p.p.g. last year) is the only returning starter. New first teamers include forwards Michael Hatcher (6-5, Truro, N.S.), Peter Cruickshank (6-6, Amherst, N.S.), Michael McInrue (9.9 p.p.g. last year) and 6'-6" quard Larry Elliot. Yeteran coach Paul Armstrong returns behind the bench.

A Quick Look at Queen's: The Golden Gaels are 1-2 in O.U.A.A. play after an impressive 82-63 victory over Toronto in their last game. The Stingers defeated Queen's 115-86 on November 26.

Last season, the Gaels were 7-11 under head coach **Barry Smith**. Returning starters include Denny Palarchio, Geoff Horton and Duff Trimble. The team has the size to out rebound any team it plays.

<u>A Quick Look at Bishop's</u>: The Gaiters are currently 6-0 in 0.U.A.A. play after a pair of victories over the University of Toronto and Ryerson. This will be the first meeting between Bishop's and Concordia this season.

Last year, the Stingers defeated the Gaiters four times. However, five of their six top scorers have returned including league M.Y.P. and All-Canadian **David King**. Team leading scorer **Pierre Tibblin** and his 23 points per game average will also be a threat to opposing defenses. Newcomer **David Fisher** (6-8, Toronto) has looked good in the early going.

Head coach **Eddie Pomykala**, now in his sixth season, believes his team will return to the National Championship tournament. "We now have some depth and size to go along with our talent," states Pomykala, "however the key to our success will be our defensive focus."

Stinger Leaders:

PTS-Nick Arvanitis (17.8); Dino Perin (14.9).

MIN-Nick Arvanitis (30.0); Michael Cohee (29.0).

FG%-Dino Perin (55.5); Nick Arvanitis (51.3).

3FG%-Michael Cohee (83.3); Mike Baker (44.0).

FT%-Raphael Tyrrell (94.1); Hugh Wallace (90.5).

REB-Dino Perin (9.9); Nick Arvanitis (9.5).

ASS-Robert Ferguson (2.4); Michael Cohee (1.9).

All-Canadian Joins Team: 1989 Football All-Canadian Ian Ployart (6-1; Montreal, Que.) has joined the Stingers. Ployart, a defensive back, finished the season with 45 tackles, three blocked kicks, three tackles for losses and one fumble recovery. He was the only rookie selected to the All-Canadian squad. The Dawson College graduate was selected to the CEGEP Basketball All-Star team last year. Ployart will see action at guard and scored his first points against Ryerson last weekend.

<u>Williams Leaves Stingers</u>: First year point guard **Trevor "Turbo" Williams** will not rejoin the team for his second semester. Williams was leading the squad in scoring and minutes played at the time of his departure.

<u>Team Stats</u>: As a team, the Stingers are averaging 94.4 points per game while holding the opposition to 86.4. The Stingers are shooting .461 from the field, .328 from the three point line and .736 from the foul line.

Stinger Stats:

- **Double-Doubles (15):** Nick Arvanitis (7), Dino Perin (5), Robert Ferguson(2), Ernie Rosa (1).
- Double-Figure Scoring (56): Nick Arvantis (13), Dino Perin (11), Trevor Williams (11), Michael Cohee (9), Robert Ferguson (5), Pat Sullivan (2), Ernie Rosa (2), Mike Baker (2), Raphale Tyrrell (1).
- 20-Point Scoring (21): Nick Arvanitis (7), Trevor Williams (6), Michael Cohee (4), Dino Perin (3), Robert Ferguson (1).
- **Double-Figure Rebounding (17):** Dino Perin (7), Nick Arvanitis (7), Robert Ferguson (2), Ernie Rosa (1).

YOLLEYBALL TEAM TO FACE BEST IN QUEBEC THIS WEEKEND

Women's Volleyball Update: The Stingers are coming off a second place finish in the Queen's Invitational. They lost of Mount Allison, one of the top teams in the A.U.A.A., 7-15, 4-15, 15-12 and 11-15. Setter Norma Tavormina (Montreal, Que.) and hitter Stefani Desmarais (Victoria, B.C.) were both named to the Tournament All-Star team. Concordia defeated Carleton (3-2) in the semi-finals. The team will play in the Laval Open this weekend. Competing teams include the University of Laval, University of Sherbrooke and McGill.

This Week: Concordia faces Sherbrooke and nationally-ranked Laval back to back. They have yet to defeat these Quebec powerhouses since coming into existence two years ago.

STINGERS TO PLAY SIX CONSECUTIVE GAMES AGAINST U.S. COMPETITION PLAY TOP THREE TEAMS THIS WEEKEND

Women's Hockey Update: The Stingers, 12-3-1 overall, are coming off a 9-1 victory over U.Q.T.R. In that game, second-year forward **Laura Leslie** recorded three goals and five assists. Concordia competed in the Lake Placid Olympic Authority Tournament over the holidays. They lost to Rochester Institute (4-2) and Queen's (3-2) while skating to a 2-2 draw with Dartmouth. The team will travel to Durham, N.H. for their annual Hockey East Tournament. Other competing teams include defending N.C.A.A. Champion Northeastern, with equally powerful Providence and University of New Hampshire completing the draw.

This Week: Concordia faces U.N.H. Friday, Providence Saturday and Northeastern Sunday.

<u>A Brief Look at the Competition</u>: Northeastern begins the season with ten new players on a roster that lost only two games over the past couple of seasons. Canadians **Susie Perkins** (Brantford, Ont.) and **Yicki Sunohara** (Toronto, Ont.) lead a squad of up and coming stars. Other notable Canucks include blueliner **Theresa Moriarty** (Nepean, Ont.) and centre **Laura Schuler** (Scarborough, Ont.). Sunohara has been billed as one of the top players in the world.

The U.N.H. Wildcats are on a mission this year after finishing with a 16-6 record last season. They have the depth to win it all this season. Their number one line consists of Canadians **Andria Hunter** (Peterborough, Ont.) and **Karen Akre** (Prince Albert, Sask.) flanked by **Laura Prisco** (Dedham, MA). Hunter has led the team in scoring since coming to U.N.H. and scored the winning goal in last year's Theresa Humes Invitational.

Providence College has been dubbed "the team to beat" in the N.C.A.A. this year. The team returns 17 players led by sophomore **Beth Beagan** (14-24-38). They also have blueliner **Kelly O'Leary** (17-12-29) who possesses the hardest shot in women's hockey. The best of the rookies includes **Cammi Granato**, sister of New York Rangers forward Tony Granato. All three players have been named to the U.S. National tryout camp. Already this year the Lady Friars have defeated Dartmouth 8-3.

IMPROVING STINGERS START SECOND HALF WITH FLOURISH

Men's Hockey Update: The Stingers, 5-7 in the O.U.A.A., pounded the Ryerson Rams 12-2 to take third place in the Toronto Duracell Challenge. Earlier in the tournment they defeated Windsor 7-1 before losing to Toronto 8-6. Leading the way in Toronto were impressive rookies Stephane Therrien (Montreal, Que.) and Marc Desmarais (He Perrot, Que.). Therrien led the Stingers with three goals against Ryerson while Desmarais tallied two goals and one assist in the victory against Windsor. Both players garnered one "Player of the Game" honour each. Concordia will face Queen's, York and McGill in the next week.

<u>This Week</u>: Paul Arsenault, with 591 career victories under his belt, will guide his hockey team against McGill (January 9 at MacDonald College), Queen's (January 12 at Kingston, Ont.), York (January 13 at Toronto, Ont.) and McGill (7:30 p.m., January 16 - Loyola Arena).

<u>A Quick Look at Queen's</u>: The Gaels are currently 3-8 in the O.U.A.A. East under new coach John Phelan. They have a 1-1 record against the Stingers this year including a 4-2 victory on October 27, 1989.

The Stingers are 8-2-1 versus the Gaels, dating back to 1975. Their leading scorer is **Dave Campbell** (11GP: 5g-13a-18pts) and they have **John Thornton**, one of the top defensemen in the O.U.A.A.

A Quick Look at York: The Yeomen, currently 9-2-1 in the O.U.A.A. East, are ranked fifth in the C.I.A.U. This will be Concordia's first meeting against the Yeomen this season. The Stingers are 5-5 against York since 1975.

The Yeomen are headed by Graham Wise, one of Canada's top coaches in college hockey. They have a stranglehold on first place in the O.U.A.A. and stand a good chance of winning their third consecutive national title. Key players include defenseman **Guy Girouard**, winger **Luciano Fagioli**, centre **Kevin Bonello** and goaltender **Ted Mielczarek**.

<u>Leading Scorers in Toronto</u>: Impressive newcomer **Stephane Therrien** led the way with four goals and four assists. He was followed by sophomore **Bob Rowatt** (Ottawa, Ont.) who tallied three goals and four assists. **Richard Laplante** (Boucherville, Que.), **Marc Desmarais**, **Rob Boyle** (Toronto, Ont.) and **John Gravelle** (Dollard des Ormeaux, Que.) scored six points each in the Stingers' three games.

<u>Mental Midget Line Flourshes</u>: The line of **John Gravelle** (5-7, 182), **Bob Rowatt** (5-6, 155) and rookie **Andrew Meth** (5-7,155) is starting to pay big dividends for Concordia. They recorded 18 points in Toronto and the line was responsible for the winning goal in the Stingers' last O.U.A.A. game against U.Q.T.R. (December 8, 1989).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HOSTS LAYAL IN SEASON OPENER

<u>Women's Basketball Update</u>: The Stingers, 5-14 overall, are coming off a tour of Western Canada that saw them lose all four games. Key players for the Stingers included **Sharron St. Croix** (5-9; Montreal, Que.) and **Isabelle Tetreault** (6-2; Laval Que.) who both averaged 15 points per game. Tetreault is expected to bolster Concordia's front line, after competing for Canada's National Team last summer.

<u>This Week</u>: Concordia opens league play Sunday, January 14 against Laval. Game time is 1:00 p.m. at Loyola qum.

<u>A Quick Look at Laval</u>: The Rouge et Or completed the 1988-89 campaign with a 10-2 record and a birth in the National Championship Tournament. Four starters return led by F.O.S.E. All-Star **Sonia Ritchie** and "Rookie of the Year" **Isabelle Lauzière**.